

COMMUNITY PRESERVATIONN COMMITTEE  
January 25, 2017

**Present:** Sandy Slavin, Co-chair, George Barrett, Jaime Rebhan, Sherbie Worthen

**Absent:** Brian Litchfield, Bill Lockwood

**Guests:** Charlie Young, Wareham Girls Softball, Nancy McHale, Wareham Land Trust, Denise Fisher, Jack Nevil, Barbara Garant, Methodist Church, Lori Luzzo, Woods at Wareham

**Call to Order:** Sandy Slavin opened meeting at 6:10pm

**Spring Town Meeting Project Presentations:**

- **Wareham Girl's Softball (WGS) Bleachers** for Fields 1 and 2: Charlie Young requesting \$13,177 from Recreation for purchase and installation of bleachers. No tax since WGS is now a 501 C3. The "Gateway Fury" competed with 15 different town leagues in Wareham, summer of 2016.
- **Wareham Land Trust (WLT):** Nancy McHale requesting \$100,500 from Open Space/Recreation to purchase 2 acres of the Staples Baypoint Property adjacent to the Land Trust's existing Baypoint Preserve. This will increase the currently small amount of open space in Onset by almost 60%. Rough walking trails will be cleared for public access. The Land Trust has a Purchase and Sale agreement. Per State requirement, a conservation restriction must be obtained before CPA funds are available. The CR will be held by the Town of Wareham Conservation Commission.
- **Wesley United Methodist Church Restoration:** Denise Fisher and Jack Nevil requesting \$142,750 from CPC under Historic Preservation to restore the exterior of the church built in 1843. Work involves removing lead and asbestos, installing clapboard, cleaning and painting the building. Some funding should be available from Thrift Shop sales, various fundraisers, trustees donations and possibly a GofundMe campaign. Nevil noted that the youth population was increasing. The church also hosts several addiction group meetings throughout the week. Church By-laws will be researched regarding possible need for a historic preservation restriction.
- **Woods at Wareham Office Conversion to Housing Unit:** Lori Luzzo requesting \$50,000 under Affordable Housing to convert current office and community space into a one bedroom handicapped accessible unit offering the town a unit for homeless placement. The housing is already deeded affordable. The new community space will serve 112 youth with opportunity for expansion. Father Bill's will help with services for the homeless .

**Committee Votes:**

- **WGS Bleachers:** Jaime Rebhan moved that CPC fund the WGS \$13,777 for bleachers. Sherbie Worthen seconded, Vote: 4-0-0.

- **WLT purchase of Staples Property:** Rebhan moved to fund the WLT \$100,500 to purchase property. George Barrett seconded. Vote: 4-0-0
- **Wesley Methodist Church Restoration:** Barrett moved to fund church restoration for \$142,750, Rebhan seconded. Vote 4-0-0
- **Woods at Wareham Office Conversion:** Worthen moved to fund office conversion to homeless housing for \$50,000. Barrett seconded. Vote: 4-0-0

**Increase Set Aside Funds:** Slavin moved to increase the Set Aside for 2018 to \$2,000 for each reserve, from \$76,000 to \$78,000, for Open Space/Recreation, Historic Preservation, Affordable Housing. Barrett seconded. Vote: 4-0-0

**Adjournment:** Motion to close meeting made and accepted, 7:07pm

*Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, clerk, Community Preservation Committee*

*Sherbie Worthen, 3/7/17*

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